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CHAPTER 268

HOUSE BILL 2633

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-511; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE AND PLACEMENT.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 8, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 8-511, to read:

8-511. <u>Children in out-of-home care; noninterference with regular school activities</u>

THE AGENCY OR DIVISION SHALL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO NOT REMOVE A CHILD WHO IS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE FROM SCHOOL DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS FOR APPOINTMENTS. VISITATIONS OR ACTIVITIES NOT RELATED TO SCHOOL.

Sec. 2. Legislative finding

The Legislature finds that it is preferable for a child to remain in school during regular school hours and to attend parental visitation or other appointments after regular school hours. The Legislature finds that unnecessary disruptions to the child's school schedule do not promote the child's best interests and constitute an inefficient use of monies appropriated to schools.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 12, 2008.

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